Dear Dave (cc Jim),

12/9/76

lane and dic; gregory have a fat advance from prentice-hall for another ripoff, lane's beginning on king. how he parlayed it!

by the way, the cause of the one handed typing is not serious, a minor tendon problem. it does not improve my typing by slowing me down.

i put prentoce-hall on notice, they responded, i wrote them again and sent the newsday letter to new times abd told them i would make available to them whatever jim agreed to. their assistant general counsel phoned jim and asked for proof of copyright infringement, which is not the only legal question and not what they were to discuss with him.

prehaps this is only confudion even though i think i was explicit enough.

i have written them again, this time telling them that lane has a career of thid and that they can learn this easily.

my purpose in writing now is to ask if you have observed this independently and could give such assurances, perhaps with illustrations.

i know howard can. i'll be asking him.

nothing else really new except as i have infirmed you.

we have been having your kind of weather but fortunately with little precip.

best to you all,